

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In the Application of: GUSTAFSON, Vincent K. et a                         | )<br>al. )                      |
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| Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS   PREPARING MICROFLUIDIO DEVICES FOR OPERATION | C ) Evaminar: Institut assigned |
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- Transmittal Letter [1 page]
- Preliminary Amendment [3 pages]
- Power of Attorney by Assignee with Copy of Assignment [4 pages]
- Non-Publication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) [1 page]
- Return Postcard

Applicants have not yet received a first office action on the merits in the above-referenced application, and therefore Applicants believe that no fee is due pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.115. If Applicants' belief is incorrect, please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account Number 502454.

Respectfully submitted,

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